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RESPONSE AND RECOVERY UPDATE HURRICANE KATRINA

DISASTER RECOVERY

Reduce Further Fatalities and Save Lives. Federal, state and local responders will continue life saving and life sustaining missions by providing ongoing search and rescue, water, food, and medicine, while also taking appropriate actions to prevent exposure, crime and disease.

It is important for all residents in New Orleans to evacuate the affected area. All persons found by search and rescue teams will be evacuated as they are found. Unfortunately, there is still much we do not know about the true toll this storm has had on the region, especially on the loss of life. Whatever that number is, it will be devastating to all of us, and our hearts go out to our fellow Americans who have lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy.

Ensure Security and Order to Impacted Areas. Maintaining law and order is a priority to assist recovery and evacuation efforts and deliver relief in a timely and effective manner. There are **15,000 active duty** military personnel committed to the effort in addition to more than **42,000** National Guard troops, nearly **4,000** Coast Guard and 582 additional law enforcement in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Provide Safe Shelter and Secure Housing Facilities. FEMA and American Red Cross are working with federal and state partners and voluntary organizations to ensure victims of Hurricane Katrina are relocated to safe shelters with life-sustaining commodities. Housing Task Forces are also identifying long-term housing facilities to assist disaster victims as quickly as possible.

KEY STATISTICS

- ✓ More than **75,800** response, rescue, recovery and law enforcement personnel are working around the clock to bring critical aid and support to the Gulf Coast region.
- ✓ There are **162,619** people from Louisiana who have been evacuated and are safely housed in shelters. In Louisiana, **53,079** people are temporarily housed in **159** shelters. An additional **109,540** people are located in out-of-state shelters.
- ✓ USCG has saved **32,291** lives to date, more than 4 times the number of lives saved in all of 2004.
- ✓ Nearly **18** million liters of water and 11.3 million MREs distributed by FEMA.
- ✓ **7** Disaster Recovery Centers open in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.
- ✓ **86** National Disaster Medical System Teams engaged in Gulf Region.

You may visit the FEMA web-site at www.fema.gov, for updated response and recovery information.